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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 20, 1988 ROUND-UP OF ARMS
CONTROL-RELATED ARTICLES

1. THE WASHINGTON TIMES: "SDI FOES ON HILL TRY NEW TACK
TO DELAY ANTI-TACTICAL WEAPON," BY MARTIN SIEFF

BEGIN EXCERPT. OPPONENTS OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STRATEGIC
DEFENSE INITIATIVE WILL BE BIDDING TODAY TO DELAY FUNDING
FOR ONE OF ITS KEY COMPONENTS BY UP TO TWO YEARS. THE
GAMBIT, ACCORDING TO CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES, WILL COME WHEN
MEMBERS OF A-SENATE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
TRY TO WIN APPROVAL BY A JOINT SENATE HOUSE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE FOR TRANSFERRING FUNDING JURISDICTION FOR THE
ANTITACTICAL BALLISTIC MISSILE (ATBM) PROGRAM FROM THE
SDI OFFICE TO THE ARMY. AT ISSUE IS LANGUAGE IN A DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE THAT
CALLS FOR THE ARMY TO STUDY AND REPORT BACK TO CONGRESS
THAT THE ATBM AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS ARE ON TRACK.
SUPPORTERS OF ATBM CONTEND THAT SUCH A STUDY COULD TAKE
BETWEEN ONE AND TWO YEARS AND THAT NO FUNDS FOR THE
PROGRAM COULD BE EXPENDED IN THE MEANTIME. END EXCERPT.

2. THE SUN: "ALLEGED IRAQI GAS ATTACKS RAISE FEARS OF
WIDER USE," BY CHARLES W. CORDDRY.

BEGIN EXCERPT. AFTER YEARS OF PRACTICALLY IGNORING THE
USE OF POISON GAS IN THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR, THE WORLD IS

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WAKING UP TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS INDISCRIMINATE WEAPON COULD BECOME THE WEAPON OF CHOICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AMONG OTHER LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. "THE GENIE HAS GOTTEN BACK OUT OF THE BOTTLE," SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ TOLD CONGRESS LAST WEEK, "AND WE NEED TO STUFF IT BACK IN AGAIN". BECAUSE THE PROLIFERATION AND USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IS "ONE OF THE MOST THREATENING THINGS THAT WE SEE ON THE HORIZON." END EXCERPT.

3. THE WASHINGTON TIMES: "SPREAD OF EXOTIC WEAPONS STIRS U.S., SOVIETS," BY RICHARD BEESTON

BEGIN EXCERPT. GROWING CONCERN OVER THE PROLIFERATION OF MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THE THIRD WORLD HAS GIVEN A NEW SENSE OF URGENCY TO A U.S.-SOVIET MEETING NEXT WEEK. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE H. ALLEN HOLMES AND SOVIET ARMS NEGOTIATOR VIKTOR KARPOV WOULD BE THE FIRST WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON MISSILE PROLIFERATION. END EXCERPT.

4. THE WASHINGTON TIMES: "ISRAELIS LAUNCH TEST SATELLITE WITH SURVEILLANCE POTENTIAL," BY ANDREW MEISELS

BEGIN EXCERPT. ISRAEL SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED ITS FIRST SATELLITE YESTERDAY, PAVING THE WAY FOR FUTURE SPY SATELLITES THAT WOULD GIVE IT A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF WHAT ITS ARAB ENEMIES ARE DOING. CARRIED ALOFT BY A THREE-STAGE, DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED ROCKET DUBBED SHAVIT (COMET), THE ISRAELI-MADE OFEK 1 (HORIZON 1) SATELLITE WAS PLACED INTO AN ELLIPTICAL ORBIT. END EXCERPT. SHULTZ
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